

# Senate Watch

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## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

### [SB 654](#)

(Sanborn)

Senate Bill 653 (as introduced) would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code, and Senate Bill 654 would amend Public Act 222 of 1972 (which provides for an official State personal identification card) to do the following:

- Require the Secretary of State, before issuing a driver license or State personal ID card to an applicant, to verify that the applicant was a resident with lawful status in the United States, verify the accuracy of identifying documents presented by the applicant, and verify that the applicant's Social Security number matched his or her name.
- Establish a class 2 driver license or official State personal ID card for residents presenting certain documents to demonstrate lawful status, including a nonimmigrant visa, a pending application for asylum, an application for temporary protected status, approved deferred action status, and an application for adjustment to permanent resident status.
- Provide that a class 2 license or ID card would be valid only for the time that the person was authorized to be in the U.S., or if there were no definite end to the authorized period of stay, a maximum of one year.
- Require a person holding a class 2 license or ID card to renew it in person.

- The Senate concurred in the House substitute H-1 [RC 92: 37 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

### [SB 206](#)

(Birkholz)

The bill would create the "Michigan Planning Enabling Act" to repeal and replace statutes that govern municipal, county, and township planning. The bill would do the following:

- Allow a local unit of government to adopt, amend, and implement a master plan.
- Prescribe the general purpose of a master plan.
- Allow a local unit to adopt an ordinance creating a planning commission.
- Require a planning commission to make and approve a master plan as a guide for development within the planning jurisdiction.
- Allow a planning commission to adopt a subplan for a geographic area less than the planning

jurisdiction if that area needed more intensive planning.

-- Allow a county planning commission to be designated as the metropolitan county planning commission to perform metropolitan and regional planning.

-- Prescribe procedures for the adoption of, and amendments to, a master plan.

-- Require a planning commission to review the master plan at least every five years.

-- Require a planning commission's approval for the construction of particular structures and facilities, and allow the legislative body of the local unit to overrule a planning commission's disapproval under certain circumstances.

-- Require a planning commission annually to prepare a capital improvements program.

-- Allow a planning commission to recommend to the local unit's legislative body provisions of an

ordinance or rules governing the subdivision of land.

-- Require a planning commission to review and make recommendations on plats, under certain circumstances.

-- Provide that an existing master plan or charter provision or ordinance creating a planning commission would continue in effect under the proposed Act, unless rescinded or repealed, subject to certain conditions.

- The Senate concurred in the House substitute H-2 [RC 94: 37 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]
- IE was ordered

### **SB 966**

**(Brown)**

Senate Bill 966 would amend Public Act 222 of 1972 (which provides for an official State personal ID card) to require the Department of State to examine every application for an official State ID card and reject an application if not convinced of the genuineness, regularity, or legality of the application, or the truth of any statement in it.

- The Senate concurred in the House substitute H-1 [RC 93: 37 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]
- IE was ordered

## **THIRD READING**

### **HB 4220**

**(Espinoza)**

The bill would amend Public Act 566 of 1978 (which deals with the official duties of public officers and public employees) to permit a school board member to serve as a volunteer coach or supervisor of an extracurricular activity, under certain conditions.

- HB 4220 was passed [RC 95: 37 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]
- IE was ordered

## **SB 680**

**(Richardville)**

The bill would amend the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act to do all of the following:

- Increase from 25 to 35 the maximum number of tool and die renaissance recovery zones that the board of the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) may designate.
- Allow a recovery zone to include a qualified tool and die business with 75 or more full-time employees if it agreed to a payment in lieu of taxes for public safety and fire protection services or for school funding.
- Exclude a tool and die renaissance recovery zone with a duration of less than 15 years from a provision requiring a reduction in a taxpayer's tax break during the final three years of renaissance zone designation.

Currently, a business that is located and conducts business activity within a renaissance zone may not make a payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) to any taxing jurisdiction within the qualified local governmental unit in which the renaissance zone is located. Also, a qualified tool and die business must have fewer than 75 full-time employees.

- **SB 680 was passed [RC 96: 37 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]**

## **SB 1039**

**(Cassis)**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to permit an intermediate school district (ISD) to develop and make available to school districts and public school academies (PSAs) an early intervening model program for kindergarten to third grade. The early intervening model program would have to be designed to instruct classroom teachers and support staff on how to monitor individual pupil learning and how to provide specific support or learning strategies to pupils as early as possible in order to avoid inappropriate referrals to special education.

- **SB 1039 was passed [RC 97: 37 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]**

# **GENERAL ORDERS**

## **HB 5582**

**(Bieda)**

House Bills 5582 (H-1) and 5583 (H-1) would amend the Aeronautics Code and the Motor Fuel Tax Act, respectively, to exempt aviation fuel that was purchased to formulate leaded racing fuel (LRF) from the aviation fuel tax and the motor fuel tax. The purchaser would have to certify in writing to the seller that the aviation fuel was being purchased solely for the purpose of formulating LRF, and the aviation fuel would have to be identified on shipping papers and invoices as "aviation fuel exempt for LRF". Each bill would take effect 60 days after it was enacted into law. The two bills are tie-barred to one another.

- **HB 5582 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

## **HB 5583**

**(Schuitmaker)**

- **HB 5583 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**